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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE
APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE ISSUES SURROUNDING
UNINSURED MOTORISTS.

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act
requires owners of motor vehicles to possess the means to pay
damages arising out of any motor vehicle crash for which they
are responsible, either through proper self-insurance or
through the purchase of a liability insurance policy; and

WHEREAS, the insurance research council studied the issue
of uninsured motorists between 1995 and 1997 and found that
thirty percent of New Mexico's drivers were uninsured during
that period; and

WHEREAS, law-abiding, responsible drivers bear the costs
of uninsured drivers by paying higher insurance premiums and

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1 not being properly compensated when they are the victims of
2 uninsured drivers; and

3 WHEREAS, personal economics may be one reason that some
4 drivers do not purchase automobile liability insurance; and

5 WHEREAS, the legislature and the state of New Mexico have
6 tried various means, with limited success, to reduce the number
7 of uninsured motorists on New Mexico's roads;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
10 requested to direct the appropriate interim committee to study
11 the issues surrounding uninsured motorists and to report its
12 findings and recommendations, if any, to the first session of
13 the forty-seventh legislature; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
16 council.

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